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Knack Led Dulles To CIA Post

Took Spying Job In First World War

This is the last of three articles on America's most secret organization, the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Washington, March 30 — The Kremlin's only God is communism, but it vented its spleen in a gush of religious fervor a few years ago against Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Cried Pravda:

"Even if the spy, Allen Dulles, should arrive in heaven through somebody's absentmindedness, he would begin to blow up the clouds, mine the stars and slaughter the angels."

Until former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles died last year, Washington had witnessed one of the rare brother acts in the high echelons of the Government.

Allen Dulles reached his niche not through nepotism, but through a natural knack for espionage.

HARRY S. TRUMAN
Commanded CIA Director

"I get on your blood," he admitted recently.

Dulles got his first taste of spying in World War I in Switzerland where he set up contacts with friendly sources in the Balkans and Austro-Hungary. He quit the foreign service in 1926 to practice law, but when World War II broke out, Dulles found himself knocking on the door of OSS chief Maj. Gen. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan.

Before long, Dulles was back in

WALTER DOWELL SMITH
Chief Counsel of Allen W. Dulles

Switzerland, Hitler's home of impregnable fortress Europe. Dulles fashioned a spy network that stretched over Europe, North Africa and parts of the Midwest.

Knew Of Bomb Plot

Through an unusual contact in the German high command, Dulles was able to help President Roosevelt posted on the bomb plot against Hitler in 1944.

He produced the first intelligence on the Nazi V-2 rockets. In 1945, two weeks before the war ended, Dulles worked out an extremely ticklish deal with sources in the Gestapo and the German Army that brought about the surrender of 1,000,000 Nazi troops in Italy.

He was decorated by President Truman in 1946, and part of the citation reads: "He carried out his assignments in extremely hazardous conditions and despite the constant observation of enemy agents."

But Dulles says he has never been shot at and isn't aware that foreign agents ever tried to kidnap him.

In 1947, when CIA was created to prevent future Pearl Harbors, Truman placed Dulles as part of a bipartisan panel to recommend the best way of running an American intelligence service as good as

or better than the British espionage service.

Took Over From Smith

Three years later, Gen. Walter DOWELL SMITH, then CIA director, telephoned Dulles in New York and asked him to come to Washington for six weeks to help implement the 1947 report. He has been here ever since, becoming CIA boss in 1950.

CIA today is largely a Dulles creature, both in size and concept. It has grown to an agency of thousands. Its budget is reported to be almost \$200,000,000. Its job is to collect intelligence from the military services, the Atomic Energy Commission, the State Department, friendly governments, and its own agents—and process it into one meaningful picture.

It maintains close ties with the FBI, which has the job of keeping tabs on enemy agents in this country.

The nerve center of CIA is a group of old three-story buildings in Washington's Foggy Bottom district, surrounded by barbed wire and protected by armed guards. Anyone privileged to enter is escorted from office to office.

Consolidation Due

There are CIA branches in 35 buildings scattered around the city. Next year, CIA hopes to be in one \$45,000,000 building on a 12-acre tract in Langley, Va., a twenty-minute drive from the White House.

When President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone on November 3, he observed:

"By its very nature, the work of this agency demands of its members the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness and selflessness—to any nothing of the finest type of courage, whenever needed. Success cannot be advertised, failure cannot be explained."

"In the work of intelligence, heroes are usually undecorated and unsung often even among their own fraternity. Their inspiration is rooted in patriotism—their reward can be little except the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country."

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